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13 sheet(s) of drawings (formal informal) is(are) enclosed.

22 page(s) of specification and 1 page(s) of abstract of the invention are enclosed.

An assignment of the invention to SANKYO SEIKI MFG. CO., LTD. is enclosed will follow.

An associate power of attorney is enclosed will follow.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed will follow.

A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-209152 filed July 18, 2002 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.

IDS enclosed (with 1 reference(s)).

Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

Application data sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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A TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	20	-20	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18
B INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	3	-3	0	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$84
C SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)					0
D MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE			LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140		\$ 0
E BASIC FEE			LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$750 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$375		\$ 750
F TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)					\$ 750
G ASSIGNMENT RECORDING FEE				\$ 40	\$ 40

*LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1, 4, 6.

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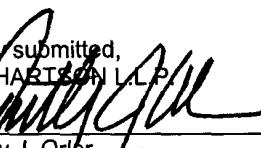
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- 13 sheet(s) of formal drawings
- certified copy of Japanese patent application No. 2002-209152 which was filed July 18, 2002 from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119
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